

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please **REPLACE** paragraph 0017 with the following paragraph:

[0017] As shown in FIG. 3, an optical pickup apparatus that uses an apparatus to generate a seek direction detecting signal according to the present invention includes a light source 11, an optical path changing unit 17 that changes the light path of an incident beam, an objective lens 21 to converge the incident beam, and an apparatus to generate a seek direction detecting signal. The apparatus to generate the seek direction detecting signal includes a light dividing unit 15 disposed between the light source 11 and the optical disk 1, an optical detector 24 to receive the beam reflected from the optical disk 1, and a signal processing portion 100 to process the detected beam.